



# NEWSLETTER

24TH MARCH 2025

## RESIDENTIAL

56 of our Year 6 children spent an amazing week at Kilvrough in Wales, for some it was their very first trip away from home - and what a trip they have had. I hope they will have many lasting precious memories of their last trip in primary school.



A huge thank you to all the staff who accompanied this trip who work above and beyond during a residential. These trips simply would not happen without this.

## CONTACT NUMBERS ARE YOURS UP TO DATE?

Please make sure that your contact numbers are up to date on Arbor so that we can contact you in case of emergency or if your child is ill.

Attendance is very important and we want children in school, however, if they are ill and unable to cope with learning we will contact you to take them home. We understand that this is inconvenient - especially if you are working, but the decision to send a child home is not taken lightly. We are thinking of your child and trying to prevent the spread of illness around the class and staff. If you are having to give your child doses of Calpol (or similar) before, during and after school they are most likely too ill for school.

Please make sure that the phone number/s you have given still work!

### The next two weeks

24th March	Forest School Sycamore Class pm Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip
25th March	Reception Presentation to parents 3pm
26th March	
27th March	Year 6 Presentation to parents 3pm
28th March	
31st March	Forest school Chestnut Class
1st April	
2nd April	Rocksteady Concert 10am and 2:30pm
3rd April	Last nursery session
4th April	End of Spring term at 12 noon Gates will open at 11:50am and close at 12

### NATIONAL OFFER DAY 15TH APRIL

If you have a child due to start in Reception in September, you will receive an email from the Local Authority during the Easter Holidays. There will not be anyone at school during this time to answer your queries. DPA has been heavily oversubscribed again this year with over 240 applications for reception places.



On Friday 21st March we have raised amazing £585 for the Comic Relief. £250 on our JustGiving page and £335 in cash at school. Thank you all for your support and generosity!



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## PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK

Thank you to all of you who took the time to provide responses to our annual parent questionnaires this year. They are an invaluable way for the school to find out what is important to you and how we can continue to develop and improve the school for the benefit of your children. A total of 89 parents responded from DPA. As ever, we have areas to improve upon and we welcome your feedback and insight into which areas we might address, as individual schools and as a Trust. If you ever have anything of concern or a query, please do email in to the office or speak to a member of staff on the playground at your earliest convenience.

What is going well?	Even better if...
98% of parents agreed that their child feels safe at DPA	79% said that the school supports their child's wider development. We do have an extensive personal development programme within school- children have leadership opportunities, weekly pshe sessions, learn two instruments (at least) and have a wealth of sports opportunities. But we would like to know more about how this area could be further improved.
96% Agreed that the school lets them know how their child is doing	83% of parents said that if they have raised concerns that these have been properly dealt with. We want to ensure that all parents feel listened to and will endeavour to ensure that concerns are dealt with quickly and effectively.
95% Agreed that the school makes them aware of what their child will learn during the year, that there are a good range of subjects available and that they would recommend the school to another parent.	85% of parents agreed that the school has high expectations for their child. We want every child to succeed and will continue to develop this area so that parents feel more confident.



**The school gates will open at 11:50am on Friday 4th April. Please make arrangements to pick your child up at this time. After school club will be running during the afternoon. Please book as usual.**

**2025 Spring 2**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>		<b>What...</b>
24th March	Year 6		Junior Citizens
25th March	Reception		Presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
25th March	Selected team		Sports Hall Athletics finals Wheatley Park
27th March	Year 6		Presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
Week beginning 31st March	Parents/guardians of children with SEND		Learning reviews
2nd April	parents of children in Rocksteady		10:30am - Concert for parents of children in MORNING sessions 2:30pm - concert for parents of children in AFTERNOON sessions
3rd April	All parents		The role of Family Support - Myth busting, what we can and can not do! Doors open 8:50am meeting starts at 9am. More info to be sent out soon.
4th April	Acorn Class		No pre-school sessions
4th April	Whole school		End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am

**2025 Summer 1**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
Tuesday 22nd April	Whole school	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
24th April	Reception	Vision Screening
29th April	Year 5	Aureus School Humantopia event
30th April - 2nd May	Year 4	Year 4 Residential to PGL Liddington
5th May	whole school	Bank holiday
8th May	Sycamore	Sycamore Class starts swimming
12th May - 15th May	Year 6	SAT's Week
13th May	Year 5	Earth Trust visit
15th May	Year 1	Victorian Sit Up Straight workshop
19th May	Pre-school and reception	Sports afternoon 2:15pm
20th May	Whole school	Group photos
21st May	Year 4	Lego workshop
22nd May	Year 6	Lego workshop
22nd May	Reception	Beale Park trip
23rd May	Years 1-6	Sports Day

**2025 Summer 2**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
2nd June	Whole school	INSET DAY school closed to children
3rd - 13th June	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check (National test)
6th June	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa
9th June - 13th June	Year 1 (and some Year 2)	Phonics Screening
11th June	Pre-school	Trip to Sutton Courtney TBC
19th June	Selected team	Swimming gala
20th June	Selected Year 5 and 6 choir members	Dorchester Festival of Voices
25th June	Year 6	London Theatre trip - The Lion King
30th June	parents of children with SEND	Learning Plan reviews this week
4th July	Year 2	Hengistbury Head
8th and 9th July	Year 6	Transition days at Aureus School, Didcot Girls School and St Birinus
8th and 9th July	Reception to Year 5	New class days moving into their new classrooms and an opportunity to meet their new teaching teams.
10th July	Year 5 and 6	Skateboarding Workshop
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3 - 5:30pm
17th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance 2:30pm and 6pm
18th July	Acorn Class	No pre-school session
18th July	Year 6	Last Assembly and presentation to parents 10:15am to be held in the amphitheatre, weather permitting.

**2025 Autumn Term**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
3rd September	Years 1-6	Term starts - Welcome to a new school year
3rd September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1 -3:30pm
3rd - 5 September	Pre -school	Pre school meetings
4th September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1 -3:30pm
5th September	Reception	Reception children in full time
8th September	Pre school	Pre school sessions will start
10th September	Year 5 and 6 parents	Aureus School presentation at DPA - chance to ask questions and find out more about the school. 3:30pm in the hall
15th -19th September	Year 6	Year 6 Residential
22nd September- 3rd October	Year 6	Bikeability
23rd September	Year 4	River and Rowing Museum
10th October	Whole school	School closed to children - Inset Day

## Term Dates for School Year September 2025 - 2026 (the NEXT Academic Year)

<b>Autumn 1</b>	3rd September - 24th October (INSET DAYS 1st and 2nd September, 10th October school closed to children) <i>Reception children will have half days on the 3rd and 4th September 2025 and then start full time on Friday 5th September.</i> <b>Pre school sessions will start on Monday 8th September.</b>
<b>Autumn 2</b>	3rd November - 18th December 2025
<b>Spring 1</b>	6th January - 13th February 2026
<b>Spring 2</b>	23rd February - 27th March
<b>Summer 1</b>	13th April - 22nd May
<b>Summer 2</b>	1st June - 17th July 2026 (Inset day 12th June) There will be <b>no</b> pre-school sessions on 17th July

## Term Dates for School Year September 2024-25 (The CURRENT academic Year)

<b>Autumn 1</b>	Wednesday 4th September 2024 - 25th October 2024 (Inset days 2nd and 3rd September and 11th October).
<b>Autumn 2</b>	4th November - 19th December at 12 noon (gates open at 11:50am) No pre-school sessions (Acorn Class) on 19th December.
<b>Spring 1</b>	6th January - 14th February 2025
<b>Spring 2</b>	24th February 2025 - 4th April at 12 noon (gates open at 11:50am) No pre-school sessions (Acorn Class) on 18th July
<b>Summer 1</b>	22nd April (Tuesday) - 23rd May
<b>Summer 2</b>	3rd June (Tuesday) - 18th July at 12 noon No pre school sessions (Acorn Class) on 18th July